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1. There are now about eight thousand prisoners in the concentration camp just outside the city of Svishtov. Most of them are political prisoners, former officers, or former officials. Their situation is revolting. They lack proper food, proper sanitation, and any kind of medical care. A large number of the prisoners are afflicted with tuberculosis and numerous cases of mental trouble are also observed.
2. In addition to Bulgarian prisoners, there are a number of foreign prisoners in the camp. These include Yugoslavs, Turks, and Macedonian Greeks. Of these last, about four hundred have been arrested on charges of illegal communication with Macedonians in Yugoslavia.
3. These prisoners work eight to ten hours a day in the forests, or on construction and upkeep of roads. Even the camp guards complain of the conditions.

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